



Friday 5th May 2017



Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Competition Success! Well done to Maddie in Year 6 who has got through to the next round of Radio 2's 500 words competition! Only 4% of children who entered get this far. We all have our fingers crossed for the next round. Well done, Maddie - we are so proud of you.

Year 6 SATS week If your child in Year 6 is ill next week, please do contact us as soon as possible so that we can discuss if we can make arrangements for their exams. Please don't just leave a message on the absence line. Please note also that KS1 assessment time is the whole of May - not just next week.

Safeguarding our children Technology and social media are moving at such a rate it is difficult to keep to date with what our children are accessing on line. The Leeds Safeguarding Team have asked us to share with you one of the latest APPs that is being accessed by primary aged children - Yellow. The age group these apps are designed for and the children that they attract are often 2 different things. They also attract adults using it as easy access to children. It is better to be safe than sorry.

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YELLOW

'Tinder for Teens'

Schools are being warned about an app which is called 'Yellow' dubbed "Tinder for Teens", which could be used by paedophiles to target children. Yellow is available to download for free for iPhone and Android devices and is described as a "free way to make new chat friends".

WHAT IS YELLOW?

Yellow works like the dating app Tinder, it is designed for teenagers aged 13 plus and lets user's look at a series of profile pictures (both male and female) within a user specified geographical radius and swipe right to 'like' a person and 'left' to pass on another user based solely on their profile picture, sex, name and age. A 'match' is created when two users have swiped right 'liking' each other, meaning this pair can now start a private chat if they both choose to. This chat facility also links into SnapChat. This means that users can send photos or videos to each other using SnapChat.

Unlike dating app Tinder - which raised its minimum age to 18 - Yellow does not have checks in place to verify ages. Concerns have been raised that paedophiles could use the app to target children.

WHAT DOES THE NSPCC SAY?

The NSPCC says Yellow could also easily be used by sexual predators to groom innocent young people. They warn that paedophiles can easily pose as teenagers before using the app to contact underage children.

The NSPCC has huge concerns about Yellow. The charity is calling for children's online safety to be prioritised in a new digital bill.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NSPCC SAID:

"Yellow is Tinder for teens. With this app there are many dangers a child can face.

Any app that allows strangers to send photos to children or vice versa is troubling – particularly where the images being exchanged are of a sexual nature.

Yellow's settings that enable adults to view children, through a service blatantly aimed at flirting and relationships, also creates an opportunity for sexual predators to target young people. This needs to be urgently addressed."

Volunteers for a clear up in the Environmental Area! Volunteers are still required for Monday 8th May, from 3:20pm. Mrs Bromley will be clearing up the environmental area (at the back of Brooke Babes Nursery). Each year the stinging nettles need clearing and part of the undergrowth needs to be cut down in order to enable the children access. A lot of work and learning is done in this area from Reception to Year 6; whether it is looking for elves, mini-beasts or work on animal's habitats. If anyone would like to come and help for an hour, it would be very much be appreciated. Please let Mrs Bromley or your child's teacher know. Please bring any clippers or 'hackers'. Thank you in advance, Philippa Bromley



Boston Spa School Consultation on Academy Conversion

So the big news this week is that of Boston Spa School announcing their intention to convert to an academy.

As you may be aware, the Government are encouraging schools that are performing well to convert to academy status, and in this context the Governing Body of Boston Spa have been considering the school's future very carefully. The outcome of their recent discussions is that the governors have unanimously agreed that the school should explore converting to an academy in partnership with [The GORSE Academies Trust \(TGAT\)](#) from 1st September 2017.

Part of their statutory duty when looking to convert to an academy, is to consult formally with parents and the local community. The consultation period commenced on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 and will end on Tuesday 23rd May 2017. During this timeframe, they will be able to answer any questions or concerns you may have and this will help to provide their governors with a clear picture of the school community's views about this potential change.

Participating in the consultation

Current and prospective parents are invited to a meeting at the school on:

Tuesday 16th May at 6.00pm

Sir John Townsley, (Executive Principal, The GORSE Academies Trust) and Chris Walsh (Headteacher, Boston Spa School), will be sharing their thinking about this partnership and to provide you with an opportunity to engage in the consultation.

There is also additional information on their school website; under the heading [Consultation](#) and they have included some [Frequently asked questions](#) to support you.

This is clearly significant news for us as a partner primary school to Boston Spa and for you as parents in your choice of local high school. As such, I'm happy to answer, as best I can, any questions or queries you may have, so do please get in touch or drop in to school to chat to me.



Dates for your Diary

SATs Week	Monday 8th May - Friday 12th May 2017	
PTA Meeting	Thursday 18th May 2017	7:30pm, Conference Room
World Record - Walk a Thon	Friday 19th May 2017	Whole school - 1:45pm - 2:45pm
PTA Bake Sale - Year 2	Thursday 25th May 2017	More information to follow
Travelling Book Fair	Friday 26th May 2017	Volunteers required, please contact Mrs Lee in the School Office, if you can help anytime throughout the day.
School closes for half term	Friday 26th May 2017	Normal school closing times
School Re-opens	Monday 5th June 2017	
Class Photos - Adventure Photography	Monday 5th June 2017	
PTA Meeting	Tuesday 6th June 2017	7:30pm, Conference Room